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FOR SALE
 1 pair Goldings, riding 3 and 5
 year old, good carriage pair, bays
 1 General purpose horse, about
 1900 lbs.
 1 Saddle Pony, 3 years old, broke
 since and double, a good one.
 2 Registered Hereford Bulls, fit
 for service.
 1 McCormick Mower, five foot cut,
 nearly new.
Dr. HARRINGTON, V.S.

Western Globe.
Lacombe, Alta.

ADRIAN HOTEL
 LACOMBE, ALTA.

Greetings

We wish all our many
 Customers and Friends
 A Merry Christmas and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Morrison & Johnston's
 Hardware Implements Furniture

Of Local Interest

The Lacombe Commissioners held a session in Lacombe on Saturday to consider the application for a license for the Victoria Hotel. Rumor had got abroad that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be given a license, but when the evidence was put before the Commissioners it was found that Mr. Hoad's record both in British Columbia and Alberta was clean and the license was granted.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th, witnessed the double wedding at the Presbyterian Manse, Stettler, being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Wm. Mackie to Miss Martha Stettler, both of Stettler, and Mr. Roy Bullington of Stettler, to Miss Minnie Ferguson of Ewing Lake. All the above young people are well and popularly known in Stettler district, and they have the best wishes of the community for their future happiness. The wedding was attended only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. They will reside in Stettler, where both Mr. Mackie and Mr. Bullington have business interests.

Two cases were called at the sitting of the District Court held in Lacombe last week. The British American Insurance Co., v Skinner was the first on the list, but as the company was not prepared to proceed the case was adjourned. Skinner being allowed the costs of the day. The other case was Converse v. Rosenbarger. Converse put in a claim for \$315, and Rosenbarger put in a counter claim for \$145. The claim of Converse was thrown out, and Rosenbarger was allowed his counter claim with costs. A. M. Macdonald appeared for defendants in both cases, J. I. Poole for plaintiff.

Merry Christmas

May All That Was Best
 In The Past
 Go With You
 In The Future.

F. E. McLEOD

XMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

You can find something suitable for any member of the family in our stock. It comprises:

XMAS CARDS, TOILET CASES
 BOOKLETS, MANICURE SETS
 CALENDARS, SEWING SETS
 LEATHER TRAVELING CASES
 GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF CASES
 WORK BOXES, JEWEL CASES
 TIE CASES, SHAVING SETS
 CHINA AND BRONZE FIGURES, PERFUMES &c.
 MILITARY HAIR BRUSHES AND HAT BRUSHES

A Large Stock of Fancy China.

FOR THE CHILDREN
 Dolls, Games, Toys, Dishes, Toy Books

Our Stock of Books is Very Complete and suitable for all ages from the little tot up

The Government of Saskatchewan has raised the hotel license fee to \$500.

Shopping Hints

Are you in difficulty? Perhaps this little list of Gift Suggestions may help YOU.

GIFTS FOR WOMEN	GIFTS FOR MEN
Belt Pins	Ash Trays
Bon Bon Dishes	Cases
Brooches	Card Cases
Charms	Cigar Cases
Collarettes	Cuff Buttons
Combs	Fobs
Crowns	Key Chains
Desk Articles	Lockets
Hat Pins	Manicure Articles
Lorgnette Chains	Match Boxes
Manicure Articles	Military Brushes
	Watch Chains

Our personal guaranty of quality goes with everything we sell—no matter how inexpensive. Come and look around.

McDERMID DRUG Co.
 DAY BLOCK LACOMBE

Lacombe Planing Mill
 Planing, Moulding, Matching
 Custom Work Promptly Attended to.
 Building Material and all kinds of Wood Work.

What can I buy for Christmas?

Is the question that is puzzling a lot of people to-day—Don't worry—just come to our store and we can show you things that will receive their share of appreciation:

- A Fancy Glove Box of Stewart's Chocolates
- A Hand-Woven Basket of McCormick Chocolates
- A Fancy Box of Writing Paper and Envelopes
- A Ladies' Hand Satchel or Hand Purse
- TOYS and DOLLS for the LITTLE ONES.

GROCERIES

Our Christmas Groceries are nice—never saw better—Elstar Raisins, Dates, Figs, Apples, Jap Oranges per box 90c. Lemons, doz. 40c. Valencia Oranges, per doz. 25c to 40c. Apples, per box \$2.25 and \$2.50

CITY BREAD
 A Consignment of Holly just arrived

F. P. SWITZER
 BARNETT AVENUE

C. R. DENIKE,
 Jeweler and Optician
 LACOMBE and CASTOR

FARMERS!

The Lacombe Produce Co. are paying highest market price for Hay, Grain, Poultry, Dressed Hogs, Mutton, Etc. Call and get prices. Also Calgary Flour, the Best in the West, and Bran and Shorts for Sale.

Urquhart's old stand, Near Depot.

Christmas Bazaar

Our exhibition of articles suitable for Xmas Gifts is now open, and you will find that we have the largest and most varied stock in town. Toys of all kinds, Fancy articles too numerous to mention—Come in and look around.

Mrs. G. G. MOBLEY, The Milliner,
 NANTON STREET LACOMBE

WALK-OVER SHOES

Are You Particular?

The makers of WALK-OVER Shoes get out more new patterns each season than any other manufacturers.

Not many radical or "freak" departures but most of the new ones are made different enough to give the WALK-OVER Shoe that indefinable mark of exclusiveness that commends it to particular dressers.

Are you particular? See the new Fall and Winter WALK-OVERS if you are.

Prices \$4.50 | \$5.00 | \$6.00

F. E. McLEOD
 Lacombe Alberta

GROCERIES TO SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS

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| Delicious Candy and Nuts | per lb. 25c. |
| Jap Oranges | California Oranges Malaga Grapes |
| Lemons | Apples Raisins Figs, etc. |

OUR CONSTANT AIM IS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

F. E. McLEOD
 BARNETT AVE. LACOMBE

ANNUAL SEED FAIR JANUARY 26, 1910

Rules and Regulations Governing This Event.

The Annual Seed Fair, under the auspices of the Agricultural Society will be held in Lacombe on Wednesday, January 26th, 1910.

Rules and Regulations.

1. All seeds entered for competition must have been grown by the exhibitor in 1909.

2. No seeds shall be admitted for competition for prizes unless the quantities of seed for sale as per sample exhibited are at least: 50 bushels of oats; 25 bushels of wheat; 25 bushels of rye; 50 bushels of barley; 5 bushels of field peas; 5 bushels of timothy; 5 bushels of clover; 1 bushel of red or white clover.

3. In classes 1 to 9 inclusive, two bushels of seed shall be shown; in classes 10 to 14 one bushel. All exhibits of seed shall be held to be representative of the quantity of such seed offered for sale by the exhibitor.

4. Small samples of every exhibit will be taken and held by the Association, in charge of the Secretary, for exhibition purposes.

5. No premium shall be awarded on exhibits that contain impurities which in the opinion of the judges are of a notorious nature.

6. No exhibitor shall receive more than one prize in any class.

7. All samples of seed must be labeled after judging, with the name and address of the exhibitor, the name of the variety and the selling price.

8. All exhibits for competition for prizes must be delivered at the show room in Lacombe not later than 10 a. m. on January 23, and shall not be removed until the close of the fair.

9. In case of dispute a statutory declaration that the above rules have been complied with may be required from each or any exhibitor.

Prize List.

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| 1. Winter wheat, any hard variety..... | \$10.00 \$5.00 \$4.00 |
| 2. Winter wheat, soft..... | 5.00 3.00 1.00 |
| 3. Spring wheat..... | 10.00 5.00 4.00 |
| 4. Oats, white, long..... | 10.00 5.00 4.00 |
| 5. Oats, white, medium..... | 10.00 5.00 4.00 |
| 6. Barley, 6 row..... | 5.00 3.50 2.00 |
| 7. Barley, 2 row..... | 5.00 3.00 2.00 |
| 8. Field peas..... | 10.00 5.00 4.00 |
| 9. Flax seed..... | 5.00 4.00 2.00 |
| 10. Timothy seed..... | 5.00 4.00 2.00 |
| 11. Brome..... | 4.00 2.00 1.00 |
| 12. Ryegrass..... | 4.00 2.00 1.00 |
| 13. Red clover..... | 4.00 2.00 1.00 |
| 14. Alsike..... | 4.00 2.00 1.00 |

The program is as follows:
10 a. m. January 26—All exhibits must be in place. Judging by W. C. McKillop, of the Dominion Seed Branch.

12.30 a. m.—Seed market. Buying and selling of seed.
1 to 12 a. m.—1.30 to 4 p. m.—Grain judging school on special car at depot.
5 p. m.—Close of fair. Exhibits may be removed.

An Enjoyable Dance.

Undoubtedly the most enjoyable dance of the season was that held in the opera house last Wednesday evening, and a program of twenty numbers was carried through, devotees of the Terpsichorean art maintaining their enthusiasm from start to finish. The music by the Lacombe orchestra was highly pleasing, and the floor was in excellent condition. The artistic elegance which the ball room presented was greatly enhanced by the many rich and handsome suits worn by the gentlemen. Lacombe gentlemen are noted for their natural beauty, and on this occasion the enviable reputation was added by the exquisite suit creations worn. It is impossible to describe all the suits but among the most noticeable were:

D. W. Spice, was by all odds the belle of the ball. He was becomingly attired in a tailor made suit of black cloth, with Turnbull's lingerie, the trousers being neatly caught up with bachelor buttons and shingle nails. A pair of American Gentlemen—above and grey set off to advantage his most attractive costume.

Dr. Hyman wore a pretty ready made suit of dark tweed, with col-

lar and tie to match. For ornaments he wore a nice. Watkinson watch with handsome new gold chain. His collar was deftly attached to his shirt with a safety pin.

Chas. Morris, as usual, was up-to-date in his attire. His beautiful creation of the tailor's art, which was cut directorate, and fitted well, added greatly to the beauty of the assemblage.

Mr. Stewart wore a suit made of emerald green, relieved by light necktie and white collar.

Mr. Pike was attired in good form, in a dark suit with white waistcoat and gloves. He also wore shoes and socks.

Mr. Delehor appeared in a handsome black and tan suit of maroon green, with light yellow box to match.

Seas Creighton wore an elaborate suit of brown plush, with Stan-ford underwear and looked very charming.

The other gentlemen present were also well dressed.

THE CHILDREN WILL ENTERTAIN TONIGHT.

Public School Entertainment Takes Place in Opera House Tonight.

A treat is promised all who attend the Public School entertainment in Day's Hall tonight. Miss Morson and other teachers have for past months been training the scholars for this event, and the very best entertainment ever given in Lacombe is promised. The little ones put on a play in which the fairies predominate, and pretty and appropriate costumes have been provided. Do not miss this entertainment. Proceeds will go to boost the Lacombe Hospital fund.

Baptist is Here.

Baptist, the champion speed and fancy skater of Canada will give an exhibition in the rink tonight. Baptie has been in the skating game since he was a mere kid, and has been a professional since he was nine years old. Twenty years ago, by the clock. That's a long time to be in any game, and especially in one that calls for so much go and vim, as speed skating does; but Norval Baptie is as good to-day as he ever was—better than he ever was, figured on records, because he broke two or three records this winter, and was the champion before that.

When you hear that Norval Baptie is coming to town, get into your fur coat and cap and mittens and hike over to see him do his skating stunts—be's the real thing and worth seeing, even when you have to go to a good deal of trouble to get to it.

Zybbly Executed.

Almost sharp at eight o'clock yesterday morning the execution of Henry Zybbly, the Pole, convicted of the murder of his wife in September last near Mundare took place in the coroner's shop of the R.N.W.M.P. barracks at Fort Saskatchewan. Three minutes after the drop had fallen the condemned man was pronounced dead and in a few moments more the body was cut down and the formal inquest held. There were present at the execution: Coroner—Braithwaite; Edmonton; Sheriff Robertson; R.N.W.M.P.; Inspector McDonnell, R.N.W.M.P.; and the jury composed of Messrs. Whitaker, Shera, McLennan, Taylor and Liner.

BORN.

PROCTOR—At Olive, Alberta, on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Proctor, a daughter.

MORRIS—At Olive, Alberta, on Sunday, Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morrill, a son.

MEININGER—At Spruceville, Alberta, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meininger, a son.

COLBY—At Spruceville, Alberta, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colby, a son.

Olgars in boxes of ten, just the thing for a Christmas present, are to be procured from McLean, the pipe man.

Ladies gray lamb jacket for sale at half price. Very slightly worn and cost \$60. Apply at this office.

A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN.

A Few Reasons Why Lacombe Should Be the First.

Lacombe is a good town to live in. Lacombe district is a good district to live in. That those statements can be substantiated a glance over the following facts should be convincing.

Lacombe is situated in the heart of the best mixed farming district in the Province of Alberta. The farmers of the Lacombe district have never suffered crop failure.

The Dominion Experimental Farm is located in the immediate vicinity of Lacombe.

Lacombe is one of the largest live stock shipping points in Alberta and our farmers have established a world wide reputation for fine cattle.

Lacombe owns its own electric light and power plant.

Lacombe has a seventy-five barrel flour mill in operation.

Lacombe has the lowest bonded indebtedness of any town in Alberta.

Lacombe boasts of unexcelled public school facilities. We have a twelve-room school building and seven teachers, from primary to high school. The building is a solid brick and stone structure, and is one of the most up-to-date educational institutions in Alberta.

An annual stock sale under the auspices of the Alberta Stock Breeders Association is held in Lacombe, and buyers in search of the very best strains in the west make it a point to attend.

Lacombe district boasts of the most successful farmers in Alberta. The farmer who has not made good is an exception here.

The soil of the Lacombe district cannot be equalled in the western provinces. We grow everything here from the luscious strawberry to the pumpkin; corn is raised in quantities, and large crops of ripe tomatoes were gathered this year.

The fuel question need never worry the happy residents of the Lacombe district. We have thousands of acres of rich coal lands a few miles from the town, while the west country provides an unlimited supply of wood.

The Lacombe Agricultural Society is one of the thriving institutions of the district. The Society owns its own grounds and has erected a large main hall and plenty of comfortable stabling for live stock exhibits. The fair held here as a rule are successful, and a splendid exhibit can always be expected. Financially the Society is in a flourishing condition.

Lacombe has a population in the neighborhood of 1200. All the religious denominations are represented in Lacombe. The Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans have resident ministers.

The Roman Catholics have a church which is supplied fortnightly. The Seventh Day Adventists have a church and school. A live board of trade looks after the interests of the town, and no opportunity to advance is overlooked.

Lacombe can boast of the most up-to-date and progressive business men in the west. The stores of Lacombe compare favorably with those of any city in the west.

The Merchants Bank of Canada and the Union Bank of Canada have branches in Lacombe. The former has erected a substantial three storey solid brick and stone building on the principal corner of the town, and the latter will in the spring erect a suitable building on the lot adjoining. Both banks do a very large and increasing business.

Lacombe has a well equipped fire hall, and a most energetic volunteer brigade. Our firemen have always carried off a large share of the trophies in the various tournaments of firemen throughout the Province.

Lacombe's brass band is a credit to the town. Under the leadership of a first class bandmaster, we will in the near future have a first class organization.

Lacombe is always to the front in the realm of sport. Our hockey team always makes a good record, our curlers have a world wide reputation and have made good at the bonspiels in Alberta and Manitoba; we have a first class lacrosse team, football team and baseball team.

For the sportsman the Lacombe

district offers unlimited inducements. Game of all kinds here abounds. Chickens, ducks, deer, etc., can be found in the immediate vicinity and in the wood-land country to the west.

Lacombe has one of the most complete school buses in Alberta, the educational welfare of our children being looked after in a masterly manner.

Lacombe General Hospital, now almost completed, will fill a long felt want. The institution will be fully equipped and will be in charge of a competent trained nurse. Every facility for operating will be provided. This hospital is being built and equipped by popular subscription.

Lacombe is already the center of a network of farmer's telephone lines, constructed by the Alberta Government. Every farmer in the district is in communication with the town, and the cost per phone is nominal.

Rural mail delivery has already been inaugurated throughout this district and has proved a great convenience to the farmers. The cost to the farmer is very low, he only being asked to provide a mail box at a cost of \$3—the delivery being free.

If there is one thing more than another which should appeal to the newcomer, it is the exceptional school facilities of the rural district. There are more well equipped public schools in the Lacombe district than can be found in any district of the same size in Canada.

To the hog raiser and dairyman the Lacombe district offers special inducements. Hog cholera is an unknown evil, and the breeders contend that they can raise more meat with the rough grains of the district than they could while feeding corn across the line. To the up-to-date dairyman there is a fortune right here. The market for Alberta butter is unlimited, and the best prices prevail.

Poultry raising is also a very profitable business, high prices always prevailing.

The town of Lacombe stands out as no other in providing the farmer with a cash market for everything he can produce. Merchants put forth every effort to secure a profitable market.

The farmers of the district can procure every requirement right in Lacombe. All lines of business are represented here, and prevailing prices for merchandise are so reasonable that the mail order business from this point is said by the express company to be the smallest of any station on the line.

Lacombe's geographical position insures its future. It will for some years be the western terminus of the Lacombe-Moose Jaw branch of the C. P. R. It will probably be the terminus of the Cheadale branch of the same railway. The Canadian Northern will tap Lacombe in the near future. Lacombe must eventually become a distributing point of great dimensions.

The fraternal societies are well represented in Lacombe. The I. O. O. F., C. O. F., I. O. P., A. F. & A. M. and the M. W. A. have lodge rooms here, and all have large memberships.

One of the growing enterprises of Lacombe, is the Lacombe Brick, Tile and Cement Co.'s works. Although only a year in business, the products of this company have established a most enviable reputation. With the exception of the pressed brick at Edmonton, the brick turned out by the local company is said by experts to be the best in the province. The new asylum at Ponoka took a lot of this year's output and the local demand is rapidly increasing. The company will be compelled next year to add materially to their plant if they would keep up to the demand.

Lacombe and district stands ready to encourage to any reasonable extent any industry for which there is an opening.

What Lacombe requires at the present time is good farmers to purchase the wild lands in the district and place them under cultivation. The district can support ten times its present population, and then have plenty of land to spare.

The soil of the Lacombe district is a deep black loam with a clay subsoil, and wonderful crops of all kinds of grain and vegetables is the best recommendation of its productiveness.

Lacombe boasts of one of the prettiest and most popular summer resorts in Canada. Full

Lake, situated eight miles due west of the town has established for itself an international reputation as the beauty spot of Alberta. A more attractive spot for a summer holiday could not be desired. The lake is about twenty miles long by its widest, and the shore is composed of clean white sand. It is an ideal lake for boating, and hundreds of crafts of all kinds may be seen there throughout the summer. It is a safe spot for bathing, as water of any depth desired is afforded by the beautiful sloping beach. The lake abounds in fish of various kinds. Thousands of tourists visit this beauty spot, and their number increases yearly.

Lacombe is becoming an important grain shipping point. Five elevators and warehouses are in operation this season, and the very fine grain grown here has kept the price paid by the buyers up to the highest notch.

We could go on column after column telling good things about this district, but the foregoing will suffice for the present. Lacombe must go ahead. Our citizens and farmers are progressive. The petty back-biting spirit so evident in other towns is on its last legs here. Our businessmen and citizens generally are working together with the one object in view—to make Lacombe the best town in the west. And their efforts will be successful.

Ally News.

Mr. H. P. Kuny, field secretary for the Alberta S. S. Association, addressed two meetings in the Methodist church on Wednesday last. The meetings were not largely attended, but those present enjoyed Mr. Kuny's addresses.

Mr. W. D. Magee, homestead inspector, has gone to B. C. for a few weeks.

Mr. Herman Sanderson, after spending a very pleasant week in B. C., has returned to Ally better pleased than ever with his present location.

A marriage attended by about sixty friends and acquaintances took place at Jarvis Bay on Wednesday last when Miss Minnie, daughter of Mr. Wm. Scott, was wedded to Charles D. Jarvis. A sumptuous repast was provided and all enjoyed themselves. The young couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

Mr. M. I. Whyte, County Down, Ireland, has through Mr. O. W. Frederick, purchased from Messrs. W. & J. Bonham their improved half section of land to the south of Ally.

The officers for the Agricultural Society during 1910, are: President, Col. E. L. Maryat; 1st vice, W. Parley; Secretary, G. H. Darlow; Treasurer, W. T. Hopkirk; Directors, G. W. Eans, F. R. Mitchell, C. M. Yarwood, T. C. Sommerville, E. H. H. Parley, G. H. Darlow, I. E. Merrifield, W. J. Carroll, I. N. Guse, R. L. Tooper, B. Bawhaw and W. T. Hopkirk.

Mr. W. T. Puffer shipped during this week five carloads of hogs, four from Ally and one from Tocco.

Mr. H. W. Garman has, to his other branches of business, added that of sawing and shipping wood to other points.

Mr. H. W. Harrington, formerly a resident of Ally, visited friends here for a few days last week.

Rev. Theo. Powell preached the missionary sermon on Sabbath evening. It was listened to with great attention.

The adjourned meeting of the town council was held last night. The business of the meeting was the consideration of the auditor's report. The report was referred to the finance committee. The tax roll was revised and a number of old tax accounts, dating back to 1908 were ordered to be written off. The collector was instructed to notify the Watrous Engine Co. that unless their contract was fulfilled at once action for damages would be taken by the town.

From a letter received from this firm, it appears that nothing has as yet been done towards shipping the auxiliary plant. The last meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday evening.

A Carol service will be held in St. Cyril's church on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock, instead of the usual service. On Christmas Day, the services will be at 9 a. m. and 11 a. m. with Holy Communion at each.

There is nothing your gentleman friend will appreciate more than a nice pipe or a box of cigars for a Christmas present. McLean has a splendid stock of everything for the smoker.

See McLean's fine stock of Christmas goods for smokers.

We Have on Hand

- One 8 horse Sweep power.
- One 4 horse Sweep power and grinder.
- One 8 horse gasoline engine.
- One McCormick binder.
- One Massey-Harris mower.
- One DeLaval cream separator.
- Two sets harness.

These are all goods that we have got in exchange for new machines and our prices on them are right. Besides that we will take, horses, cattle or grain in payment for them.

Call and look them over.

Here's your chance to get some bargains.

Western Implement Co.
G. H. McElstridge Mgr.

Bentley News.

Don't forget the Centata in the hall on Thursday evening.

It is reported that F. W. Thorp & Co. have sold their man-ophone to parties at Rimby, and are to deliver and operate same at that place on New Year's night, for the entertainment of the Rimby Literary Society.

The writer is making a vague guess that wedding bells will ring this week. Yes! Mysterious!

The Ladies Aid of Bentley, wishes to announce that they will hold a basket social in the McPherson Hall on the night of January 20th, 1910. See bills later.

Miss S. G. Ross closes a successful year's school here this week and leaves for her home on Friday. She has a school near Stettler engaged for the coming year.

Trustee and Councilor election is near at hand, and everything very quiet.

The other day a few of Bentley hockey players assembled at McPherson's Mill, and after a bonafide repast, went over towards Thomsville where the Thomsvillians had a rink prepared, and were lying in wait for the Bentleyites. The game was refereed by one "Polka" of "Dead Dog Ranch" with two more of their confederates as goal umpires, making us seven men to their ten, saying nothing of their rosters.

It was no wonder we came home a defeated team, and after forty minutes of stick and puck throwing we retired with honors. Only two of our players were left out thanks to the gentlemanly manner of their players, and the good work of "Polka" as referee.

Bentley is to have a Gymnasium Club after January 1st. A skating rink is also in the making.

Kstray

Came to my place on S. E. 27-40-15 at Bentley, about Nov. 1, one red polled heifer about three years old, with short tail, no marks and no visible brand. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. W. B. McPherson.

Found—A lady's milk marmot stole was picked up in town a few days ago. Owner may have same by paying for this advertisement.

If you don't know the Pipe Man you ought to—McLean is his name.

Bentley's New Store

J. H. WILLIAMS & SONS have taken over the business formerly run by Mr. J. K. UHL. A New and Up-to-date STOCK of GENERAL MERCHANDISE is being opened out. You can buy your necessities as cheaply in Bentley as in any other town in Alberta.

We guarantee our Customers Satisfaction, OR WILL REFUND THEIR MONEY.

J. H. Williams & Sons
BENTLEY ALBERTA

IMPORTED
Clyde Fillies

BY AUCTION - AT LACOMBE
TUESDAY, January 4

TERMS—6 months credit on approved joint bankable notes; interest at 8 per cent.
S. W. PAISLEY, Auctioneer S. J. PROUSE, Owner

GREAT WHAT A JAM! CÆSAR!

A SURGING MASS OF EAGER BUYERS

Ushered in the first days of the Great McLAUGHLIN "QUIT" SALE, Such a Crush, such a Jam, far outshone anything in the history of Lacombe. Crowds upon Crowds

ANSWERED TO THE CLARION CALL OF SLAUGHTERED PRICES

The faces of the people beamed with smiles of good nature and happiness. Such opportunities of buying the best products of the factories at such unheard of reductions, comes but once in a lifetime. One man said that he hadn't fingers enough to tickle himself with when he got the finest and most up-to-date T. & D. Suit at Manufacturer's Price. Read every word of this advertisement. It's Dollars in your pockets and happiness in your homes.

EVERYBODY ON THE RUN TO McLAUGHLIN'S

Men's Suits at Less Than Cost

All Tailors and Clothiers from Coast to Coast are forced to admit that the Thornton & Douglas Brand of Tailor-made Clothing is the Kingpin Clothing. Even the linings and buttons shine forth their pre-eminence, and over 100 of these magnificent suits are being hammered below the cost line, to ensure their being sold before Xmas.

We will just quote one price, all others are similar.

\$20.00 Fine Thornton & Douglas Suits, Quit Price **\$13.85**

SLATER SHOES Slashed

All dealers handling Slater Shoes are under contract not to cut the price stamped on the soles of Slater Shoes, and are liable to a heavy fine if they do, and to lose the agency of the best shoe made on the American continent. But we don't expect to handle these swell shoes, we expect that every man in the district will rush out with a pair throwing us the money. Every pair is cut to the limit, the only time in the history of Canada, that these shoes have been slaughtered.

\$5.00 SLATER SHOES. QUIT PRICE **\$3.95**

COMPETITION COMPLETELY STAGGERED

Our Competitors are completely non-plussed—think we are crazy selling such fine goods at such ridiculous prices, and say McLaughlin will be ruined. We can't help it, we must follow our instructions, and McLaughlin says: "Cut things loose, make 'em sit up nights talking about us." Get us out at 75c on the Dollar and I am satisfied. He stands the cost not you, only it's up to you to buy the goods, pocket all the profits, and part of the wholesale price of the Clothing.

OUT GOES EVERYTHING EVEN TO COLLAR BUTTONS

CAPS

See our big range of fur band caps, every style and size. Every cap must skidoo at once. Regular Price \$1.50

Quit Price **95c.**

BRACES

We have all kinds in fine & heavy braces from 35c. up to 75c. Our heavy police brace at 50c. and 60c. Quit Price

35c.

SOX

Heaps and piles of Sox in fancy and plain Cashmeres and in heavy woolsens at all prices. The price is a sight for sore eyes. See our line of Heavy Wools. Quit Price

6 pns for 1.00

TIES

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The Christmas Festival.

Let us suppose that some one of the many serious and thoughtful people, witnessing the universal and intense activity that leads up to the twenty-fifth day of December, should inquire as to the deeper meaning of this general festivity. What are the chief elements to be made to such a question?

One fitting answer would be that Christmas stands for the birth of humanity. Then, for the first time, men began to count as men. Till then all sorts of artificial distinctions, and other differences between individuals, important but still minor, obscured the vision of the essential unity of the race, Israel and Greece and Rome, the three leading nations of the ancient world, recognized no such thing as one human race standing in a universal brotherhood. The Jew had no dealings with the Samaritan, and to eat with a Gentile was unlawful. To the Greek the whole world beyond his own race was barbarian; his own race was divided into citizen and slave; and again, the citizen class was split up into the upper classes and the lower, between whom there was a great gulf fixed. Great soul as Plato was, he takes no pains to conceal his contempt for the people. The same is true of Rome; the empire was based upon slavery. In the world beyond these three superior races, still less was there any notion of the fellowship of men with men.

The Christian Gospel began a revolution at this point; it was good news to man as man, first to the Jew, but ultimately to the entire race. The worth of the individual human being is the burden of Christ's message; the people stood out above all classes; a universal moral democracy was born; humanity as opposed to class, caste and privilege had its advent in that of Jesus Christ. The falling asunder, the cheapest of birds, counts with its Heavenly Father; the humblest human being is of immeasurable worth to Him.

Another fitting answer to our question would be that the Hero of the higher life of mankind is recalled, and receives our homage in the Christmas Festival. On every plane of existence the hero is a precious possession, and the human race is rich in such possessions. On the physical level, Hercules at the Bridge, defending Rome; on the intellectual level, Socrates, devoted to the search for truth and following his devotion with his death; and on the moral level, Luther, rising in his might and opening the gates to the modern world of freedom, are illustrious examples of a multitude that we may name numbers who were "such as fought and sailed and ruled and loved and made the world."

The heart of the Christmas celebration is here. In the realm of the spirit we have an incomparable Hero. His heroic light up the infinite time and space behind Him, and lays open to the depths the greatness of man's soul. This Hero is the spiritual messenger of the Eternal, the sure prophet of the highest in man, the captain of all militant lovers of their kind, the interpreter and defender of human homes, the friend of children and parents and youth, the redeemer of the slaves of evil habit, the bringer of hope to a world in despair, the magnanimous servant of the spirit in man, who so believes in his cause as to give His life for it. In the Christmas Festival we recall the advent of the sovereign Hero of our race.

This brings us to the answer that must be the final one. Christmas is a symbol of the joy we have in living. Dickens has depicted with his usual vividness and power this great feature of Christmas. The genius of the day got into old Scrooge, and made him over into a new human being. He is no longer the slave-driver, but a generous friend; he cries out for the joy of escape from an exclusive career for his own interests into the happy world of sympathy; from the bitterness of death he awakes to the sweetness of life.

Selfishness is the tap-root of despair. The will to live only for one's self is the fountain of all pessimism, in the ancient world and the modern. Its creed, born of its poor dust-heap of a heart, is "All is Vanity." The will to live for others, for others in overwideness circles till the globe is girdled, is the beginning of hope

and joy. Trust will put within the heart an orchestra of musical instruments that pour forth a perpetual symphony upon the world. A selfish life is perversion; the Christian life is reversion to its true type. The evolution of the perfected type of existence means a whole catalogue of woes in the industrial, social and political spheres of our being; the issue of reversion to the true type is immeasurable possibility in power, peace, prosperity, worth and joy.

Into this new world each successive Christmas leads with a benign hand the old decrepit, selfish race of men. It sets our strident riddle once more in the society of brothers and fellow servants, in a great tidal movement of good-will. It is a dispensation of light and still more an apocalypse of love.

GEORGE A. GORDON.

ASSURED SURPLUS FOR YEAR \$16,500,000

Dominion Has Come Back to Story of Progress and Prosperity.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Hon. W. S. Fielding's fourth budget speech delivered in the commonsense yesterday was in its optimistic tone, its satisfactory statement of the financial results of the current year's administration and in its story of a second reversion, a splendid surplus and an encouraging outlook one of the most gratifying of the progressive series of good times budgets which have attended the administration of the present government.

The finance minister was able to point to an assured surplus at the end of the current fiscal year of at least \$16,500,000, with the probability that it would be considerably larger. The revenue predicted would reach the record mark of \$97,000,000, with a possibility of it reaching \$100,000,000. This revenue would meet the total outlay on consolidated funds, all expenditure on capital account, apart from the National Transcontinental railway, and in addition pay \$2,500,000 of the total expenditure during the year of \$200,000,000 on the Transcontinental.

As Mr. Fielding phrases it, Canada has come back once more to the old familiar story of the great employment, prosperous trade, increasing revenues and liberal surplus.

For the coming fiscal year Mr. Fielding predicts a repetition of the record of the present year. The revenue would probably be considerably over \$100,000,000, and would meet all the outlays, apart from an expenditure of \$27,000,000 on the National Transcontinental railway. Even the cost of building the new navy would be met out of the income.

Dealing with the general results of the government's financial administration since 1896, Hon. Mr. Fielding said that during thirteen years there had been spent on capital and special account \$212,500,000, of which \$147,000,000, or 69 per cent, had been met out of the revenue. During the preceding thirteen years the Conservative administration spent \$107,000,000, on capital account of which only \$49,000,000 or 45 per cent, had been met out of the revenue.

This life is just a little jaunt across a little plain; we're reaching for the things we want, and often reach in vain. The things we want are scold things, and made of sounding brass; we do not hear the bird that sings, nor mark the growing grass; we miss the splendor of the night, the glory of the dawn; for we are dreaming of the fight that every day brings on. The useless fight for useless dress, the war of hands and brains; and O, how weary is our loss—how futile are our gains! This life is just a little jaunt across a little sphere; there's nothing in the path to daunt, or bring a sigh or tear; there's nothing there to blanch the cheek, or fill the heart with care, if we would only cease to seek for Trouble in its lair. If we would only look around upon the good in life! But overmorrow, with hawk and hound, we search the woods for strife!—Walt Mason

J. D. Siskauer was up from Gadsby this week and reports the east country flourishing. Mr. Siskauer has started a large general store in Gadsby and is also postmaster.

Provincial Spring Horse Show.

The next Alberta Provincial spring horse show, fat stock show and pure bred cattle show and sale will be held at Calgary April 5 to 8.

Entries for the cattle show close the last day of January. The entries for the fat stock show and horse show close on the 15th of March. The prize lists are now being prepared and can be had on application to the secretary, Edmonton.

In addition to the auction sale to be held by the Cattle Breeders' association at Calgary, a second sale will be held at Lacombe on the first of June.

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The Unexpected Happened.

A well known attorney of this city had a client whose case presented a mass of technicalities, of which the lawyer took very possible advantage. Before the final argument, the client, down of opinion, however, the client was forced to take a journey of some hundred miles and was compelled to be absent for several weeks. He arranged with his attorney to flash him by telegraph the result of the trial of his case, but told him to do so word his telegram that the address alone could comprehend his import.

The result was the awaiting of a verdict in favor of the client in question, and his delighted counsel sent him the following message: "Justice and truth have triumphed."

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The obstacles that surround you and give you pains are bringing out the best that is in you. The further down in the social scale that you start the stronger will be the roots of your character and education—the more power will you have when you reach the surface. That was a reason why Abraham Lincoln had such rugged strength. He came from the bottom and knew all men and all conditions of life from personal contact. The hard experiences of his earlier days were invaluable possessions as memories to him when the responsibilities came, but besides that those bleak days constituted the refining process that made him the great man that he was. As it was with Lincoln it is with many others. The grandest life the world has known began in a manger!

Noble buildings are built from the bed rock towards the sky; the foundations of noble lives must be deep down in society! A house cannot be built upon the surface and stand. Your works and your trials today and now constitute the solid foundation upon which the structure of your better life is to be raised.

Build up and work, little by little. "Slow and sure wins the race." Nothing is impossible. You can get through it all. Do your part with good heart. You are having a better time in the fight than you will when the battle is behind you. School yourself to the thought that every obstacle is for your own good, that somehow and in some way you are to gain strength by getting over, under or through them.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this can be promptly cured by the use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by All Dealers.

Tension has been known to cure as well as to produce evil. Even before the House of Commons passed the British budget which imposes an increased tax on whiskey, the consumption of spirits decreased, in some districts thirty-five or forty per cent. The number of arrests for drunkenness in Glasgow alone was reduced by thousands in a few weeks.

The perfected earthquake recorders now in use detect many one movements of the crust of the globe, which, while they escape our senses, may nevertheless play an unexpected part in the economy of the planet. Two kinds of microseismic oscillations have been discovered, one having a period of from four to nine seconds, and the other a period of about half a minute. The former is often observed simultaneously over large portions of the earth.

Doors Klose, in Canada, has observed that whenever a center of low barometric pressure, after traversing the continent, reaches the coast, these strange oscillations appear. Professor Wesscott suggests that they may be due to the impact of ocean waves, the force of which varies with the state of the air. A special observatory is to be set up on the west coast of Ireland to study them. The microseismic oscillations of a period of half a minute appear to be due to local winds, which set up a wave motion on the land similar to the vastly greater motion imparted by the wind to the surface of the ocean.

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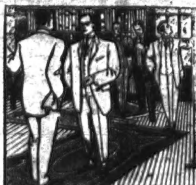
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Of General Interest

W. F. Puffer shipped seven carloads of hogs from the Lacombe district during the past week.

A man accompanied by a little dog, while examining rings in an Edmonton jewelry store, had a diamond worth \$300 to the animal, and got away with it. This is a new graft.

A heart-rending tragedy occurred in Fort Rourke, Winnipeg, Friday morning when Ida and Thomas Masters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Masters, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the little home of the family at 23 Arnold Avenue. The mother had left the house to call on a neighbor and after absence of only five minutes, returned to find the cottage which was a store and a half structure, in flames. Realizing at once the danger to the children she rushed wildly toward the front door, but collapsing from fright she dropped before she reached the house. She is now in the hospital in a critical condition.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, insert one cent in a postal card, and to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by All Dealers.

King Leopold of Belgium, died early Friday morning. The end came as a surprise even to the physicians in attendance, because the king's condition has been highly satisfactory all through the day and early evening. It was not until after midnight that unfavorable symptoms were manifested. The king complained of increased difficulty in breathing, and although the physicians labored valiantly to afford him relief their efforts were unavailing and the end came at 2:30.

Fellow-boarders in a Report street house, Winnipeg, George Emmett and Bertha A. McLean, fell in love and became engaged and the wedding was set for January 18. Yesterday, however, Miss McLean, returning from a shopping excursion, stopped at Emmett's room and started a conversation which developed into a row and terminated by his drawing a revolver and shooting her in the left temple. He then turned the revolver and shot himself behind the right ear. Both were removed to the General Hospital and both are expected to recover.

The key-note of all true success is usefulness. The man who goes about his day's work with an eye alert for opportunities to do a service to others, is the kind of a man the world wants. He is never out of work; out of business. Some of the finest establishments in the country have been built upon a capital that consisted of two parts money, four parts industry, and four parts friendship.

A few days ago it was reported in Stettin that a man was lying dead in his shack some seven miles south of Sullivan Lake post office. Coroner Lyon and Constable Day of the B. N. W. M. Police went down to investigate. On entering the building they found Edward P. Leadley, the owner, dead in his bed. Mr. Leadley, who had been on his homestead only two months, came originally from Toronto, Ont. His relations there have been notified of the sad affair, and in all probability the body will be sent East at once.

Jimmy Wells, Frank Peigan, Philip Pullhead and Billy Bond were sentenced to three years imprisonment; Eagle Rider to four years, and Nelson Hires to eight years at McLeod last week by Judge Sifton for horse stealing. These are all blood Indians. O. E. Baillie, Henry Bender and W. A. Beall were sentenced for two years for stealing branded calves. A petition signed by 1044 persons was presented asking for clemency for Baillie, but the judge decided that the appeal should be made to the minister of justice.

A newspaper dispatch from Chicago states that Tuesday prime steers reached highest price ever paid on the open market in Chicago. This fact was accomplished when nineteen steers averaging 1,572 pounds, with over the scales at \$2.50 per hundred weight, and ten yearlings, weighing 1,001

pounds, also sold at the same price. A single head sold at 10 cents per pound. — *Minneapolis Sentinel, Fairmont, Minn., U.S.A.*

In the person of Dr. H. O. Will, who was removed by death at his residence on Sixth Street, Edmonton, on Friday last, one of the best known old timers of Edmonton and the city's oldest physician. Although he had been in poor health for some years, he was not generally known that he was overtaken by a serious illness a few days ago, and his death came as a distinct shock to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

"Guilty of murder," was the verdict which the jury returned against John Mead, the well-known journalist of these people, after Quill Lake, Sask., on Nov. 18, after being out just twenty-five minutes. At the jury appeared Mead, dressed straight at the foreman, but not even a truce appeared to move as in answer to the question of the chief justice as to whether or not they had reached a verdict, came the reply:—"We find the prisoner guilty of murder, your honor."

An interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, December 16th, at the home of Mr. Wm. Scott, Jarvis Bay, when his daughter, Missie, was united in marriage to Charles David Jarvis. Friends to the number of about sixty witnessed the marriage, which was performed by the Rev. Wm. Hamilton. A sumptuous feast was provided, and all, especially the young, enjoyed themselves until an early hour on Thursday morning.

From Bradstreet's tables, it appears that the price of the necessities of life have not only regained the ground lost during the panic of 1907, but are now close to the highest record ever attained, and that the tendency is still upward. Bradstreet's index number of the cost of commodities indicates an advance, November 1st, of 1.9 per cent over the figure of October 1st, of 7.9 per cent over January 1, 1909, of 10.5 per cent over November 1, 1908, and of 56.7 per cent over July 1, 1896, when prices were at their lowest.

Police exploration is not an occupation which affords much opportunity for practicing the elegance of the toilet. The photographs of Commander Peary's party, and of Dr. Cook, and the view presented of the farthest south party on its return, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Doctor Marshall, Lieutenant Adams and Mr. Wild, all show men at his roughest and most unkempt, but no doubt also at the highest point of rugged, physical efficiency.

In a recent speech at Yale University, Governor Hughes of New York put his finger upon an ugly spot in American life—the ready habit of believing and spreading evil stories about men in public office. He pleaded with the students that those who go into journalism be fair with public men whom they criticize, although they comment freely upon the acts of such men. "A man who seeks profit in the sale of calumnies is the most despicable of human creatures," said the governor.

Among the multitudinous statistics that are already in circulation as campaign ammunition in Great Britain are the figures of the game killed on an English estate of 5000 acres from 1887 to 1908. The grand total which includes hares, rabbits, pheasants and partridge, was 149,285, and the greatest record of a single season was 14,378. It is needless to say on which side of the fight these statistics are used.

This Christmas season is showing such evidence of prosperity as the Canadian prairie west has never before known. The great crop appears to have put money in every one's pocket, and moreover, they are willing to spend some of it. The people too, and especially the farmers, are paying their debts. Loan companies are complaining that money is coming in too fast. Loans and mortgages are being liquidated at such a rate that there is no placing the cash again.

Striking proof that Germany is far from being a democracy is contained in the recent appointment of the Chancellor, that the Imperial Government will stand aloof from all political parties. The system by which the German people are governed cannot be described as government by the people.

As through this vale of tears I tread, I police man's curious thing, the crow that's cawking overhead would teach the robin how to sing, the snail will tell the racing snail just how to trot around the track. Oh the man who hasn't any hair knows how to bring your ringlets back.

A sad and fatal accident occurred on Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. Dornfeldt, eleven miles northeast of Stettin, when his two little boys, aged two and five, suffocated by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The father was away on the farm at work and the mother had a big fire in the cook stove preparing supper, with a coal oil lamp hanging over the stove. She had stepped out for a minute to see something about the stock and left the children in the house. When the mother returned which was in a very short time, she found the room full of smoke and dark and the little fellows with their heads under the bed clothing unconscious. The father arrived about this time and the children were hastily taken to the open air on the snow. Efforts to bring them to consciousness was of no avail. It is supposed that the great heat from the stove caused the explosion of the lamp and thus suffocated the children. They were buried on the homestead, Rev. D. Robertson conducting the service.

What Would We Do.

If our representatives in parliament had toiled long and hard and produced a bill, which would place the burden of taxation upon the people who could afford to pay it, and who should pay it, and passed it on to the senate, and that august body should throw it out, and place the entire country in confusion, treating the people with scorn, what would we do with the Canadian senate?

But that is not quite the same. In this country the senate is representative in a sort of a way. But suppose it was not representative, but the members were merely the oldest sons of certain privileged classes. Then the senator would come quicker and stronger.

And that is not all either. Suppose that a majority of that senate did not take the trouble to attend meetings, except on occasions of this kind, and that the majority were mentally incapable of exercising intelligently the duties of office, and they flouted the wishes of the people, meddled with the finances, which was not of their concern, and flung out a good bill, what would we do then?

The Canadian people one and all would arm themselves with destroying weapons and go forth and chop down that Canadian senate without any more argument, and they would do right and the sooner the better.

Now there you have the situation in Britain, only in Britain it is more so. It is the last stand of the champions of class privilege and hereditary principles against the people themselves. And in these battles the people have always won and they will win again.

The Land Issue in Great Britain.

Of the total area of enclosed land in England and Wales nearly one-half, or 15,000,000 acres, is held by 2,500 persons, many of them Peers.

In the campaign written by Mr. Lloyd-George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which is being spread broadcast over Great Britain, the land issue figures prominently. At the outset of the book Mr. Lloyd-George makes an appeal for a fair examination of the new proposals in the much-contested budget themselves, instead of taking "the partisan interpretations of prejudiced opponents."

He declares his belief that the land provisions of the budget must have the effect eventually of destroying "the selfish and stupid monopoly which now so egregiously mismanages the land." A little further on he states that only those who have spent their lives in association with the business community can fully appreciate the extent to which the present ownership of land "hampers and embarrasses trade and industry."

As an example of how the statistics in regard to the Peers and the land show, when considered somewhat less summarily than in the above cited total, it may be noted that in the counties of Northumberland, Sussex, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Wiltshire, Suffolk, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire there are, in all, 6,722,206 acres enclosed, of which 65 Peers hold 1,315,863 acres, and 396 proprietors including the Peers own 5,019,315, or more than half of the total. The great landed

proprietors add farm to farm and have turned cultivable ground into grazing meadows to the extent of 3,000,000 acres in twenty years. Intensive cultivation disappears and with it the country population.

Mr. Lloyd-George claims for the land provisions of his budget that they are designed to deal, in the interests of the national welfare, with the problem of Great Britain's vacant acres—land now secured to cattle and horses, while vast numbers of human beings are unemployed in the cities, when they might be working on the soil. If only there were modifications made in the conditions of land holding, with a view to bringing people back to the land. By way of labeling the Lords consciously as the champions of the existing land system, the Radical papers are making a practice, whenever they name a Lord, of adding his land holdings in parentheses, thus: "the Duke of Buccleugh (400,000 acres)."

In the Lloyd-George campaign book instances of some are mentioned, in which the "unearned increment" played a notable part. In this connection it may be noted that the London Daily News publishes this table of "the annual tribute levied by seven Peers on the land values of the metropolis":

Duke of Westminster.....\$3,000,000
Lord Howard de Walden.....2,900,000
The Duke of Bedford.....2,250,000
Lord Portman.....1,890,000
Lord Northampton.....1,800,000
The Duke of Norfolk.....1,600,000
Earl Cadogan.....1,600,000

Says the London Daily News, by way of editorial comment on these figures which are totals of pounds sterling, not dollars:

"Now, what have these Peers done to create this enormous wealth? The question answers it."

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And the Duke, over whom the Times sheds its foolish tears, have taken all the plunder and have given nothing but blanks in return. They have not even contributed a penny to the rates. Nor is that all. At the expiry of the lease of houses which others have built they have appropriated even the buildings, and, as in the Georgian case, levied new and enormous tribute on the industry of those who have made those premises valuable. That society should have tolerated this wrong so long that industry should have been able to stagger along under such a burden is well-nigh incredible.

To return to the cultivable land, however, a notable feature of the present campaign is the growing indignation in Scotland against "landlordism." Vigorous language is being used in regard to "the most fearful scandal, which has degraded the countryside of a hardy industrious people in the cause of the rich man's sport." It is stated that 4,000,000 acres in the Highlands are devoted to sport alone, while the bulk of the people have been driven to the poor land near the sea. The Scottish fight against the afforestation of lands suitable for small holdings is likely to have an influence in the other campaign in England and Wales.

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Judicial Sale of Farm Lands Near Tees, Alberta

PURSUANT to Judgment and Final Order of the Supreme Court, by H. Thornton, Esq., Auctioneer, at the Victoria Hotel at Lacombe, Alberta, on the 15th day of January, 1910, at 12 o'clock noon, in one parcel, the North and 1/2 of 16-42-23 W. 4th M., subject to the reservations and conditions in the original grant from the Crown.

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Deputy Minister.

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CHAS. CURTIS

WILLIAM HAGE

Lacombe, Dec. 11, 1909.

Stock Growers Meet in Stettin.

The Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association met in the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon. Nearly every district covered by this body's work was represented, among those present being Thos. Bird, of Red Willow; E. J. Foran, of Gadsby; L. H. Hamley, of Hays; A. Richards, of Hays; H. C. Simpson, of Big Valley; E. M. Whiteside, of Lacombe; J. T. Williams, of Lacombe; and many others.

In opening the meeting, Pres. John Carlson read a letter from Lacombe Commission on the entire cattle ordinance suggesting co-operation with the C. P. R. in order to establish a satisfactory basis for amendments thereto.

The President suggested an open discussion of the matter and a committee of three to wait upon the Minister of Agriculture during the coming season.

Secretary Thos. Usher read the minutes of the last meeting of Oct. 8th which were approved. In opening the discussion the President explained that at the last meeting a resolution had been discussed looking to the elimination of scrub bulls from the range and this would be a continuation thereof. For himself he favored the proposition that all bulls be excluded from the range, at all times, as in this way only could a satisfactory class of stock be propagated.

Mr. Heronemus, of Buffalo Lake, was of the same opinion, preferring corral or yard breeding to open range breeding.

A. Richards and E. M. Whiteside were also strongly in favor of a close season for bulls the whole year.

John Erving would deny no man the right to use what and when he pleased.

J. Harrison thought some consideration should be shown the man who was not yet prepared to go out of stock and favored a closer proposition to allow pure bred or good grade bulls the run of the range for three months.

High health was of the same opinion and would encourage more breeding rather than the spraying of so many young beefers.

R. J. Ferguson, Thos. Bird and others spoke in favor of excluding bulls as being the only satisfactory way in which to breed up the stock of the district.

It was finally moved by H. Heronemus, seconded by John Tolman that all bulls be excluded from the range at all times. An amendment by A. J. Adhead and H. Smith, granting an open period of 3 months was voted down.

A lengthy discussion as to the proper parties whose duty it would be to see that such an ordinance, if enacted, be enforced, followed, in which considerable argument as to the duty of brand readers was brought out.

On motion of Simpson and Walters it was resolved that the government be asked to empower brand readers with authority to take up stray bulls under the entire animals ordinance.

Moved by Walters and Richards that the Secretary notify the Department of Agriculture of the necessity of providing all brand readers with up-to-date brand books and of putting notices bearing names and addresses of brand readers in all public places.

President Carlson introduced the question of fire protection and urged the necessity of action on the part of the government in the early spring as the continuation of the C. N. and C. P. R. line was a source of danger unless protection was provided.

W. F. Puffer informed the meeting that the Chief Fire Guardian was in town and suggested an adjournment until 8 o'clock in order to have him in attendance.

The first discussion of this session was a proposal to amend the Estray Animals Ordinance brought up by E. M. Whiteside who moved, seconded by John Tolman, that in clauses 3 and 4 of that ordinance the following words be struck out, "which cannot be driven away from such land, house or flock."

The argument went to show that it was customary with some people to drive off estrays during the winter rather than feed or advertise them. Motion carried.

A very animated discussion in which A. Richards, J. L. Walters, Pres. Carlson and others took part was in regard to the authority of brand readers in dealing with estrays. It was pointed out that no authority was given them unless notified to examine same by another party.

On motion of F. Whiteside, seconded by Heronemus, it was resolved that the government be asked to empower all brand readers with authority to examine and report all estrays in their district without awaiting notice thereof from other parties and further that they be granted the right to locate such in suitable quarters pending claims of ownership. Motion carried.

Chief Fire Guardian, B. Lawton, of Edmonton, addressed the meeting on his work and intimated that lack of funds was in many cases responsible for unsatisfactory work done or left undone.

Mr. Richard and F. Whiteside

take exception and suggest that the department does not realize the magnitude of the work required of them and the right of fire guardians to employ such advice when laying complaints without awaiting specific investigation.

Mr. Lawton thought this would lead to expensive trouble as even fourteen hundred questions were in commission.

Mr. Puffer referred to taxes collected in the large L. D. as being available for fire guarding purposes. He would suggest a committee to report on the location of necessary guards and a delegation to wait upon the government with Mr. Shaw to press for action.

E. M. Whiteside thought it childish to impose year after year for protection while loss of life and property continued and no notice was taken of petitions.

Mr. Walters enquired of Mr. Lawton if any funds were available for the department, as he was along the line of projected railways during construction.

Mr. Lawton thought none were available.

Mr. Walters would enquire into the reason why this was so and see that a provision was made.

Smith, Walters moved that a committee of three be appointed to lay before Mr. Shaw plans for property guarding in the country along the south coast of Stettin.

Carried.

Mr. Smith pointed out that no protection had been provided on the Lacombe-Castor branch line west of Gadsby. He would compel the C. P. R. to provide such early in the spring.

Mr. Puffer thought the C. P. R. the least of evils. He believed the careless traveler and settler responsible in most cases.

Moved by Walters, Tolman that the provincial authorities be asked to provide protection along operated railways until regular guards had been organized.

On invitation of the Chairman, Sergeant Easer spoke of the present regulations as he found them. He believed the practice fire ordinance should be amended, as, unless changed in this way, it was impossible to convict guilty parties under the present regulations. He believed it would be in the best interests of all if the owners of the property or cattle from which the fire originated. It might not work in every case but he believed more just convictions would be made than now.

The appointment of a committee of three to lay matters before the department during the coming season was left to the executive committee which was called on the adjournment. The time and place of next meeting was left to the chair.

Railways Throughout the Province.

Edmonton, Dec. 16.—For the past two days prominent millionaire capitalists and brokers of Montreal and Ottawa have been in close conference here. As a result of these conferences negotiations have been completed for the immediate development of one of the biggest railway projects that has yet been planned in the west, a project which is backed up by several millions of dollars and which if followed out to completion will open up the vast Athabasca and Peace River sections to a greater extent than any other railway scheme for which a charter exists.

In short, the result of the conference has been the transfer of the charter of the Northern Empire railway and the Manitoba and British Columbia railway from the provincial directors of the two companies, who were headed by Henry Roy of Ottawa, a millionaire capitalist and promoter to a freshly organized company of capitalists which includes brokers of Montreal and Ottawa, a company which is capitalized at four millions with half a million subscribed and deposited in a Montreal bank and which is prepared to undertake immediate construction of the line of railway proposed. The proposed lines of the new company in brief are:

First—Under the name of the Manitoba & British Columbia Railway, Winnipeg, through Lethbridge to Pilot River, B. C.

Second—Under the name of the Northern Empire Railway Co., a line from the international boundary south of Lethbridge through Lethbridge through Calgary to Murray, thence west into the Peace River country, thence through the Rockies via a feasible pass to Dawson City.

Charters for these lines were granted by the Dominion parliament two years ago. Nothing however was done towards the construction of the lines and a new syndicate of capitalists appeared upon the scene and offered to take over the char-

ter and commence immediate construction of the proposed lines. The president of the new company is J. S. Crawford, broker, Ottawa and the other members are: J. H. McKinnon, wholesale grocer, Sudbury, Ont.; W. E. Brown, Ottawa; J. Shaw, Patton, broker, Montreal; J. W. Gamble, capitalist, Ottawa and Henry Roy one of the provincial directors. This group of capitalists represents some of the largest financial interests of the east. One of the company is a large owner in Cobalt mines and the others mentioned are worth up in the millions.

M. E. Carverthorn on Way Back.

The White Horse Star says: Both the local teachers, Principal Norman E. Carverthorn and primary teacher Miss Ellen M. Kempton, have within the past week wired their respective resignations to Territorial Superintendent Bruce at Dawson, their resignations to take effect immediately after the Christmas holidays.

For six years before coming to take charge of the school at this place last September, Principal Carverthorn had been principle of the school at Lacombe, Alberta, and when he left there it was with the understanding that he would return "anytime" up to the new year and resume his old position. As the latter is permanent for as long as he may desire to fill it, and as the local situation does not at present seem a very rosy one, he decided to take the permanent position while it was yet within his grasp.

Miss Kempton is resigning for the same reasons, a permanent and much more congenial position having been offered and is now awaiting her at Lethbridge, Alberta.

While it is with regret that Whitehorse is losing both her teachers all are pleased that they are bettering their respective positions and conditions. Miss Kempton has been teacher in the primary department of the school here for two years and has demonstrated her fitness as an educator.

Mr. Carverthorn came only at the beginning of the present school year, but during his tenure here has infused new life and new interest in the school and it is not to be wondered at that he is so popular at Lacombe where he was located and enjoyed in school work for six years. That each will prosper in their future positions is the wish of their many Whitehorse friends.

Dr. Cook a Fakier.

W. T. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, has made a statement relative to the Dr. Cook-Pearry controversy. He said: "I am very well acquainted with both Commander Peary and Dr. Cook. I confess that at first I like many others, believed that Dr. Cook had reached the pole, but I am now, like you and everyone else in view of the overwhelming evidence of his duplicity, persuaded otherwise."

Dr. Grenfell said that he was well acquainted with those in touch with Dr. Parker and others who accompanied Dr. Cook in his ascent of Mt. McKinley and who now state Cook never reached the summit as stated by him, and he was reluctantly compelled to believe that Dr. Cook was wrong there also.

Mr. Grenfell said that he had met both Cook and Peary in Labrador, the former on two occasions. "Frank Sayre, my private secretary, acted as Peary's secretary, accompanying him from Battle Harbor. He prepared for the commander much of the evidence of the latter's discovery of the pole."

Asked if he believed that Peary had reached the pole, Dr. Grenfell replied: "I have no doubt whatever that Peary reached the pole. I think that Dr. Cook's mind is affected, and I incline to the view that he himself thoroughly believed that he was at the pole."

Chas. Morris left on Thursday night last for a two months visit to his old home in Charlottetown, P. E. I.

ESTRAY—On N. E. 2-41-27 W. 4, yearling steer, red, white spot on left shoulder, white on belly, star on forehead, please out lower side of right ear, no visible brand.—J. L. Cannon.

Estray

Two heifers, one red and one brindle. Been at my place for 3 weeks. No visible brand. J. R. Porter, Lacombe.

Barley Wanted

WANTED—1000 bushels barley or good oats. Apply W. E. Puffer, Lacombe.

Strayed

Came to my place about one month ago, 3 year old heifer, red with some white on it, no visible brand. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. J. Johnson, Canyon, N. W. 1-26-26 w. 4th.

Estray

One bay filly, branded at right shoulder with star in S. face. Number of young cattle also branded E.U.O. or U.O. on left thigh. Reward for information leading to recovery.

S. W. FAIRLEY, Canyon.

ESTRAY

One bay mare, 1050 lbs. 4 white feet branded S on left jaw. Reward for information as to whereabouts.

E. M. THOMAS, Lacombe.

ESTRAY

At my place about a month, 15 head steers and heifers, 2 year olds and yearlings, indistinct brands. This is a mixed bunch and may belong to several people.

T. B. CARRINGTON, 9-40-28, South of Gull Lake.

Estray

Came to my place 1 cow, light bay body, dark roan neck and shoulders, right ear split. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. W. T. Sherman, Canyon.

ESTRAY

Since last fall a red steer, two years old, with white strip across forehead, also on left hafter, with white strip across forehead and on belly, two years old, since a year ago last fall on my farm one mile south of Rimber.

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W. T. SHERMAN, Canyon.

Estray

Came to my place for past year 1 red steer, white belly, star on forehead, horns slope down. Two year old coming 3. Brand on left hip A. Apply to Peter Klier, 3 miles S. of Bentley.

ESTRAY

Been at my place for over a year one red cow, turned down horns, branded on ribs on both sides and also on left leg. Brands are indistinct. Owner pay expenses and take her away.

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HERE ANOTHER ISSUE of this Paper, XMAS will have passed for another year, and we desire **RIGHT HERE** to wish Our Many Customers and Friends, a very **ENJOYABLE AND PROFITABLE CHRISTMAS.**

A. M. CAMPBELL

Local and General

There will be a grand box social in the Public Hall, Blackfalds on New Year's Eve, in aid of the Presbyterian manse fund. A splendid program has been prepared for the occasion.

The intermediate hockey team went down to Red Deer on Saturday and defeated the juniors of that town by a score of 3 to 1.

Mr. Hanna was up from Red Deer visiting friends over Sunday.

The Bowman-Sine Lumber Co. is prepared to handle cordwood in large quantities. They shipped out several cords this week to points on the C.P.R. main line. They want the wood in 4 foot lengths.

The Annual Entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held in the church on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. Admission, all children free, adults 25 cents.

Rev. J. E. Collins of Alia preached in the Methodist church last Sunday. Mr. Powell preached in Alia for Mr. Collins.

If you don't know the Pipe Man you ought to—McLear is his name.

Special Xmas services in the Methodist Church next Sunday. Subject in the morning will be "The Meaning and Message of Xmas" and in the evening Mr. Powell will speak on "A Vision of Life." Special Xmas music by choir. An invitation is extended to all.

Christmas services in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath. At the evening service there will be special music.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School Christmas entertainment will be held in the basement of the Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

The annual Xmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held in the church on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. A box social will be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, at 8 p.m. in the Public Hall, Blackfalds. A splendid program is being provided. B. W. Paisley will act as auctioneer and G. L. Gray

son, clerk of sale. Ladies bring your boxes. Proceeds will go towards the Presbyterian Manse fund.

Wanted at the Lacombe Furniture Store, 10,000 muskrats, 400 coyotes, and 700 cow hides, to fill an order. Highest cash price paid.

Mr. Anderson, of Bowden, was here this week looking over the local creamery with a view of acquiring it. Mr. Anderson is a butter maker of large experience, and if he takes hold of the institution will make it go. Negotiations are in progress.

Senator Talbot returned from Ottawa on Saturday. He will spend Christmas at his home.

Calgary is preparing debentures to the amount of \$1,500,000 for local improvements, which will be placed on the London market.

After three strenuous days spent in wrestling with the great problems which confront the agricultural interests of Western Canada the eighth annual convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers association, held at Brandon, Man., closed its session shortly before midnight Friday. The convention has in every respect been the most successful in the history of the association. In attendance, in the enthusiasm for the farmers' cause displayed, and in the high level which has been reached in the discussions which have taken place the convention has been far ahead of any similar gathering ever held in the West. The announcement made at this convention that the Manitoba government has decided to adopt the principle, so dear to the hearts of grain growers, of public ownership of elevators, marks an epoch in the history of the grain growers' movement and the association has taken on a new dignity, as it has realized the responsibility which devolves upon it in preparing and submitting to the government a detailed scheme for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Corp. Martin took two lunatics from Edmonton down to Brandon Asylum last week. Their names were Wm. Donaldson and Jno. McCollum.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Switzer left on Sunday for their old home in Kirkton, Ont., where they will spend the Christmas season. Mr. Switzer, while in the east, will attend the celebration of his parents' golden wedding, which will be made the occasion of a family reunion. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Switzer, in a few days will have enjoyed fifty years of wedded life. With the exception of a child that died in infancy, all the children of the family are alive today.

John McKenty is gazetted as official auditor for this district.

A Christmas Tree and Cantata entitled "Frost Queen and Santa Claus" will be given in McPherson's Hall, Bentley, on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, commencing at 8 o'clock. The proceeds are in aid of the public school, and a good time is promised all.

Horsemen should keep in mind the date of the sale of pure-bred Clydesdales, which will be held in Lacombe on Tuesday, January 4. This lot comprises 20 head of specially selected imported Clydesdales, said to be the choicest lot ever brought into Canada. S. W. Paisley will be the auctioneer.

Inspector Church, one of the most efficient officers of the R. N. W. M. P., died last week in North Saskatchewan. Deceased joined the police force in 1897.

Archibald Gordon, second son of the Earl of Aberdeen, was killed in an auto accident a few days ago. He was soon to be married to Miss Violet Aquilth, daughter of England's prime minister.

E. N. Lewis, M.P. for West Huron, has given notice of the following resolution at the present session of the Dominion house: "That in the opinion of this house the time has come to place agricultural implements on the free list."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has decided to sit for Quebec East, and an election will be held shortly to fill the vacancy in Ottawa. Ex-Mayor Ellis is Conservative candidate for the vacancy, Chevier for the Liberals.

On Saturday evening the home of Mrs. Roy Clarke Murphy was

the scene of a "kitchen show" given in honor of Miss Marion Traver by a few of her most intimate friends. While Miss Traver was opening the various packages sent, there was a sound of revelry by night, caused by Rastus and a number of his friends. Upon the door being opened the serenaders were found to be some of the guests who were gotten up for the occasion. Rastus, who was in full dress uniform, immediately became master of ceremonies, and being the only gentleman (?) present was, of course, the lion of the hour. The articles sent were many and appropriate, each being accompanied by a verse, which, being strictly original, caused much merriment. The entertainment consisted of cake-walks, quadrilles, cards and music. After participating in a dainty lunch provided by the hostess, all present joined hands in singing the familiar strain of "Auld Lang Syne," and, departing shortly before midnight, were unanimous in pronouncing it the "finest ever."

Mr. A. J. Hutton and Miss Copple Hutton of Wisconsin, arrived in Lacombe on Monday to visit their niece, Elsie Roemer, who is attending high school here.

E. W. Graham spent a couple of days in town this week. He is on his way to Manitoba to spend Christmas with his parents.

On Christmas evening the first hockey match of the season will take place on Lacombe rink. Red Deer has the luck to be the first victim of the home team, and a fast game is looked for. Our boys have been putting in some hard work on the ice, and are determined to win this game. You will get your money's worth if you turn out on Christmas night.

Donald Gunn, of Gunn's Limited, Packers, of Toronto, was killed on Saturday by a fall on a slippery sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flincham have gone to Ontario on a holiday trip.

Miss Agnes Claypool, 15 years old, daughter of a wealthy resident of Pasadena, was killed and Harvey Biswell, 24 years old, son of a Grand Rapids, Mich., manufacturer,

was perhaps fatally injured a few days ago in an automobile accident near Pasadena, Cal.

"What is whiskey?" is still puzzling the uninitiated and there are not a few experts who have been hampered to describe it. We once knew of a witness in a whiskey trial who swore that he could not tell what he had been drinking and who naively closed his opinion by saying, "It might ha' been coal-tile."

A professor of English literature advises everyone who wishes to get as much as possible out of his reading to read as if he intended to interest some other person by an account of what he has read. This is good advice, not only for the student, but also for the casual reader. If supplemented by the practice of actually telling others what one reads, it would in time make charming companions of persons who are frequently at a loss for entertaining topics of conversation.

100,000 Settlers for Alberta.

"One hundred thousand settlers are coming to Alberta alone next summer."

This is the statement of John A. McDougall, M. P. P., just returned from the east.

"Yes, from what I gathered on my trip down through the east," said Mr. McDougall, "the indications are that at least 100,000 settlers will come into this province alone next year. The immigration officials anticipate for next season the largest immigration that has yet taken place, and Alberta is going to get the big share of it."

Mr. McDougall went to Ottawa as a member of the delegation representing the Winnipeg 1912 Centennial, which waited upon the Dominion government with a request for financial support for the project and were met with a reception which was not favorable, although Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Dominion cabinet promised full consideration of their demands.

"It is quite possible," said Mr. McDougall, "that the executive in-

charge of the project will decide for a postponement for a few years. The arrangements will not be proceeded with further until a definite answer comes as to the action which will be taken by the Dominion government. The officials of the government quite realized that Winnipeg was the proper point at which an international exposition should be held, but they were doubtful as to the advisability of holding the exposition at so early a date as 1912. I think it is probable that the project will be postponed.

Big Drawing Contest

At the Lacombe Furniture Store on a Brass Bedstead, valued at \$35.00. You are entitled to a chance for every dollar's worth of goods purchased at our store, from this date until Xmas Eve at 10 o'clock p.m. This handsome piece of furniture is on display now in our window.

Young Man Wanted

The Western Globe wants a young man to act as reporter; must have a knowledge of book-keeping and be willing to make himself generally useful. Apply to C. B. Halpin.

Mr. John Bernard formerly of Long Valley, now of Bowden left on a visit to his old home in Prince Edward Island.

A. HUME, STOCK BROKER

Has the following stocks for sale: The Prudential Investment Co. The B. C. Permanent Loan Co. The National Finance Co. The Pacific Coast Fire Ins. Co. and a few shares of the Western Canada Fire Ins. Co.

No Stock of the Canadian Queen Oil Co. now on the market

The above stocks offer a splendid chance for investments that will bring a large profit to the purchaser.

Full particulars to be had at the office of

A. HUME, Barnett Ave.

Contract to Cut Wood.

Contract to let for the cutting of 200 cords wood, in 4 ft. lengths. Three miles from town. Apply J. Fless, at farm.

Xmas Presents

TIES We are showing a special line of silk ties, the reversible kind, ties that make a nice Xmas Gift for a Gentleman. Hundreds to choose from. 50c.

Silk Handkerchiefs See our assortment of Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy borders, the large size, good value at. 50c.

Sets of Men's Suspenders, Hose Supporters and Arm Bands, put up in nice boxes. 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75

Cambric Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, 1/2 doz. in box. A nice Xmas Gift, 75c. and 1.00 20 per cent. discount on all our Ready-to-wear Suits and Overcoats till Xmas.

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